

**PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE
PUBLIC INFORMATION RELEASE REPORT**

1. STATION Bureau of Criminal Investigation	2. CAD/CASE NO. PA2023-972216
3. INVESTIGATING OFFICER	
4. NATURE OF INCIDENT Failure to Report of Refer Child Abuse	5. DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT 10/2020 - 5/2023
6. LOCATION Harrisburg Ward - The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints 4788 Union Deposit Road Harrisburg, PA 17111 Lower Paxton Township, Dauphin County	
7. PERSON(S) INVOLVED Accused: Rhett Hintze, age 50 - New Cumberland PA	
8. INCIDENT DETAILS <p>In September 2022, the Pennsylvania State Police - Bureau of Criminal Investigation was contacted by the Prince William County Police Department in Virginia regarding a sexual assault investigation they were conducting. Through their investigation, information was received that a juvenile victim was sexually assaulted somewhere in Pennsylvania by Shawn Gooden. Investigation into the assault began in Pennsylvania and it was discovered Gooden had sexually assaulted a 12-year-old male at French Creek State Park in April of 2000.</p> <p>Gooden was charged in July of 2023 with charges stemming from the incident. During the investigation of Gooden, it was discovered that Gooden and the victim of the sexual assault had disclosed the sexual abuse to their religious leader, the accused, Rhett Hintze. At the time of the disclosure, Hintze would have been acting as a religious leader in his position as Harrisburg Stake President for The Church of Jesus Christ and Latter-Day Saints and therefore would have been a Mandated Reporter as defined in Title 23, Section 6311. However, Hintze failed to report the abuse to authorities.</p> <p>Hintze was charged with one count - PA 23 Section 6319 - Failure to Report or Refer. Charges were filed on 1/31/2023. Hintze is scheduled to be arraigned before Magisterial District Judge Wendy Grella on 2/2/2024.</p> <p><i>In the interest of transparency, it is the policy of PSP to disseminate information regarding incidents which are likely to generate significant interest among the public and media in a timely manner. While we make every effort to ensure the information is accurate to the best of our knowledge and belief, incidents are often fluid and rapidly evolving. Information provided should be considered preliminary and subject to change as additional investigative details emerge.</i></p>	